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Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady beginning the week. Demand was light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mostly adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient to ample for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Loose egg sales were usually light to at times fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for large and adequate for the other sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51	LARGE	26-35	30
LARGE	43-53	44-47	MEDIUM	15-21	19
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37	SMALL	6-10	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was about steady entering the week. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service business was reported as moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were irregular for the light demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample for the at least moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal to at times heavy for the week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-68	54-57
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to available for large and adequate for the balance of sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55.5-64	57-60
LARGE	51.5-60	53-56
MEDIUM	39.5-48	41-44

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was about steady beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for a light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51.25-59	53-56
LARGE	46.25-57	51-54
MEDIUM	35.25-46	39-43

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged when compared to last Friday's report. Trade sentiment was about steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	61-65
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	47-51

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-60	53-57
LARGE	50-59	51-53
MEDIUM	39-48	42-44

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 4%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 54. Ads in Northern California: major- jumbo dozen 2 for \$5, large dozen 199, 18 pack 149, 2 for \$4.99, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	104
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	74

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	249-309	289-339
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	219-309
LARGE	199-219	199-289
MEDIUM	179-189	169-259

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 06, 2005 will increase by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 29, 2005 were 207,429 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	171,858	35,571	207,429

% change from the prior week..... +3 -4 +2
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Demand was light as many breakers take a wait and see attitude before purchasing additional heavy breaking stock. Offerings were adequate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	31-33	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-22	18-20
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
02-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.75-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13	12.65
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF
02-MAY-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- May 02, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.3	15.6	7.9	11.7	10.8	57.3
	Change	-0.4	0.8	1.3	0.2	-0.4	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.6	39.0	18.3	26.6	33.9	148.4
	Change	6.5	2.6	7.5	-0.1	-0.4	12%
Large	Curr Wk	46.0	121.8	73.3	107.5	90.5	439.1
	Change	2.9	14.1	19.6	16.6	13.8	18%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	58.9	16.4	27.5	29.8	145.0
	Change	-1.4	14.2	2.4	6.1	-0.5	17%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	4.8	2.9	5.6	5.3	21.9
	Change	-0.2	-1.7	0.0	-0.6	-0.7	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.0	22.2	8.0	11.3	5.3	53.8
	Change	2.3	-2.1	-1.5	-0.9	-0.4	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.7	41.5	18.8	39.6	23.3	144.9
	Change	-2.1	-3.4	5.4	2.4	-4.5	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	132.3	303.8	145.6	229.8	198.9	1010.4
Percent	Change	6%	9%	31%	11%	4%	11%
TOTAL				Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	1010.4	11%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	238.7	4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1249.1	9%	209

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 29, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
24.50								18.25							
TOTAL LOADS								42.75							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	—	—	34.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	36.00	—	—	—	—	47.33	4.00
GL W XL	—	—	45.00	47.00	40.00	—	5.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	47.60	5.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	36.00	—	4.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	33.00	4.50
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	21.00	—	.50								
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	25.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	32.50	—	—	—	—	13.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.00	8.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/25/05-04/29/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
58.50								32.75							
TOTAL LOADS								91.25							
		SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	36.00	33.00	35.14	—	—	10.00	GNR W 1	41.00	—	—	—	—	50.50	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	36.50	38.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	38.50	—	—	—	—	50.85	7.50
GL W J	—	51.00	54.33	56.00	—	—	3.25	GL W LG	37.00	48.00	—	—	—	50.11	17.75
GL W XL	—	45.00	45.33	49.00	41.58	—	25.00	GL W MD	—	39.00	—	—	—	37.00	6.50
GL W LG	—	45.78	45.25	46.70	38.95	—	24.25								
GL W MD	35.00	—	33.11	32.25	26.69	30.00	8.50								
GL W SM	25.50	28.50	23.00	25.00	22.00	23.00	4.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	33.75	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	32.33	—	—	—	33.33	19.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	11.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.00	8.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	16.00	—	—	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/25/05	04/18/05	04/26/04
PACIFIC COAST	201	220	350
LOS ANGELES	201	212	290

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71.63
LARGE	67.63
MEDIUM	56.63
SMALL	45.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 260	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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